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July 7, 1976

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P. O. Box 218
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004



James A. Rhodes
Governor

Attention: Sam Simon

Ned E. Williams, P.E.
Director

Dear Mr. Simon,

On the morning of June 23, 1976, Don Heuer and I observed an open fire at the back of your facility. This fire resulted in excessive emissions of black smoke for a period exceeding one (1) hour. Only after we first appeared at your office were efforts made to extinguish the fire. This constitutes a violation of regulation EP-12-03-A and Section 3704.05 of the Ohio Revised Code. Further violations may result in legal action.

Upon inspection of the area where the fire had occurred, it was evident that several commercial sized transformers were involved in the fire. These transformers usually contain a chemical oil known as "PCB's", an identified hazardous waste material. The open burning of PCB's and PCB containing oils results in the emission into the atmosphere of high amounts of these PCB's resulting in a serious threat to public health.

If you should ever receive PCB containing wastes in the future, it is imperative that these wastes be disposed of properly. You may contact this office for more detailed information, should the need arise.

Your cooperation in this matter is most appreciated.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lynn D. Clemmer".

Lynn D. Clemmer, Chief
Technical Service Group

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cc: Don J, Heuer, Northeast District Office
Dave Woodring, Northeast District Office
George Sheehan, Columbus Central Office - A P C

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